

clared themselves increasingly confident of a peaceful settlement of the negotiations with Germany.

Find No Confirmation.

There is no confirmation of either of the two stories mentioned from official sources. Acting Secretary of State Lansing said he had received denials from Ambassador von Bernstorff and Counselor von Hammerstein of the German embassy. The story that there have been official communications from Germany as to the submarine warfare question, was dismissed as "preposterous." It was stated that both sides had submitted complaints of alleged activity in this country of enemy secret service agents but that none of mail tampering had ever been received.

The Administration deprecates publication of unconfirmed anti-German articles, lest they may create in Germany anti-American sentiment, and hamper the government in its negotiations over the submarine warfare question. The effect on American public opinion in America, and the Administration's vigorous notes to Berlin, is also feared.

An official communication from Germany strengthens the conviction that some weeks may elapse before Germany responds to the last American ultimatum. Official here are positive that no move will be made in the negotiations with England to mitigate operation of the British order in council against American commerce until the German situation becomes more definitely formed. Neither will the Administration move in Mexico until the German case is practically disposed of.

Owners of the American schooner William P. Frye, it was learned today, have been asked to submit affidavits to the State Department regarding character and their ownership of the schooner. The ship's owners have also been requested to furnish affidavits regarding her value. These will be submitted soon to Berlin, with statements of the ship's crew regarding the exact time and circumstances of the submarine's attack, as requested by the German foreign office.

While this Government is not disposed to object to having the Frye's case placed before a German prize court, as insisted upon by the German government, the case will probably now be treated separately, in an independent note. It is believed that this Government will seriously question the German position of the right to destroy ships in extraordinary and "exceptional" circumstances, when carrying non-contraband cargoes which would aid the enemy.

That the airplane attack upon the American ship Cushing would also develop into a case for individual and separate negotiations also became evident today. Both the Cushing and Cushing affairs are to be divorced in negotiations, from the Lusitania incident, according to indications in official circles.

Bernstorff Envoy Sees Peace to Follow in Relations With U. S.

LONDON, June 17.—A peaceful settlement of the questions which have arisen between the United States and Germany is predicted by Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, who is on his way from the German embassy at Washington to Berlin to explain the situation to the German government.

An interview accredited to Dr. Meyer-Gerhard is published by the Frankfurter Zeitung and forwarded to London by the American correspondent of Reuters. The interview was obtained yesterday from Christiansand, Norway, when the steamship United States, in which Dr. Meyer-Gerhard was a passenger, touched at that port.

"The conflicting views existing between Berlin and Washington regarding the Lusitania affair remain unchanged," Dr. Meyer-Gerhard is quoted as saying. "The conflict between President Wilson and Secretary Bryan is of old origin and arose from quite different causes than the Lusitania affair."

"As President Wilson framed his reply to Germany without even consulting Mr. Bryan, the latter had no other recourse but to request that he be released from office."

"The feeling of the American people and Government toward Germany is not at all hostile. On the contrary, there prevails an absolute desire for peace."

"It is not true, as is trumpeted abroad, that the American fleet has been concentrated for participation in the European naval war."

"The feeling among German-Americans is splendid. Their love for the motherland is strong, their joy in our mighty success in all theaters of war affecting."

Cadorna's Forces Drive Austrians From Monte Nero in Night Fight

ROME, June 17.—An impetuous charge by Alpini drove Austrian Jaegers out of their last position on a mountain peak north of Monte Nero in a bloody fight that began at sunset and ended at dawn.

Italian troops now occupy the whole ridge of Monte Nero. Dispatches received here this afternoon said that artillery is being dragged into position on a peak 5,000 feet high, dominating the Austrian positions at Tolmino.

General Cadorna reported today that the last detachment of enemy troops left several hundred dead and wounded on the northern slope. The Alpini took 300 prisoners.

"On the entire frontier, notably at Zugnotaria, Brentonico, Pieve di Cadore, and at several points along the Fria Grande and at several points along the Isone, we consolidated our positions despite repeated enemy attacks," said the official report from the Italian commander-in-chief.

The battle around Gorizia is increasing in intensity, according to dispatches to the war office. Violent fighting is going on in the east bank of the Isone, north of the fortress where the Austrian troops have been heavily re-enforced.

Heidenheimer Case Is Continued For Week

Benjamin Heidenheimer, manager of the jewelry store of his father, Elias Heidenheimer, at 1236 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, charged with violation of the loan brokerage law, was granted a continuance until next Thursday when his case will be called on Police Court today. The complainant is Adam R. Gard, a Treasury Department clerk who alleges he received a pawn ticket for a ring through the man.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

District of Columbia—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.
Maryland—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; gentle westerly winds.
Virginia—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; light, westerly winds.

U. S. BUREAU.	AFFLUENTS.
8 a. m. 71	8 a. m. 66
9 a. m. 74	9 a. m. 69
10 a. m. 74	10 a. m. 72
11 a. m. 75	11 a. m. 73
12 noon 78	12 noon 76
1 p. m. 81	1 p. m. 79
2 p. m. 81	2 p. m. 80

TIDE TABLE.
High tide—11:36 a. m. and 11:41 p. m.
Low tide—5:16 a. m. and 5:58 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises—4:35 Sun sets—7:25

Light automobile lamps at 8:06 p. m.

OFFICIALS CERTAIN TORPEDO RAMMED NEBRASKAN AT SEA

Report Kept Secret By Department For Fear of Stirring Up More Trouble.

METAL FRAGMENTS HERE

May Be Parts of Projectile. Acting Secretary Lansing Calls At White House.

Little doubt is entertained here now that the American steamer Nebraska was torpedoed by a German submarine May 25.

Acting Secretary of State Lansing has a full mail report on the investigation by Ambassador Page. Mr. Lansing today admitted he had read the report, but declined to make any comment on it.

The department's reticence led to the belief that the evidence shows the Nebraska was torpedoed, but that the Government does not care to stir up the matter in the present crisis.

Mr. Lansing called on the White House today. He did not see the President, but did see Secretary Tumulty.

Inquiry at Liverpool. The investigation into the damaging of the Nebraska was conducted at Liverpool by the American consul general, Lieut. John H. Towers, naval attaché of the embassy at London, made an expert examination of the injuries to the vessel. His report contains a number of photographs and also fragments of metal believed to be parts of a torpedo.

It is expected the State Department will consult experts of the Navy Department about the metal fragments. The report contains the depositions of three officers of the Nebraska, including the statements of the captain and chief engineer.

Saw White Streak. The chief engineer, as has hitherto been claimed from London, testified that he observed a white streak in the water perpendicular to the ship on the starboard side and a violent explosion almost immediately followed.

The policy of this Government, it was said today, apparently is not to give out anything in the way of conclusions until it feels absolutely sure of its ground. Inasmuch as the Nebraska was saved, and no lives lost, the officials will deliberate in the matter than would be possible otherwise, it is understood.

CAPITAL MEN NAMED FOR CONSULAR JOBS

J. Paul Jameson Sent to Nanking, China, and John E. Jones to Lyon, France.

The State Department today announced a list of consular transfers and appointments. Two Washington men are mentioned. One is J. Paul Jameson, who has been appointed consul at Nanking, China, and the other is John E. Jones, who has been appointed consul at Lyon, France.

Mr. Jameson was graduated from Dickinson College in 1907 and entered the consular service the same year. He has served as vice consul and interpreter at Shanghai and Hankow and as consul at Antung.

Mr. Jones was first appointed in 1906, and has served at Dalny, Winnipeg, and Genoa.

Other changes are: Francis B. Keene, Milwaukee, to be consul general at Zurich, Switzerland; David P. Weller, New York, to be consul general at Geneva, Switzerland; William F. Kelley, Lincoln, Neb., to be consul at Rome.

At Baltimore, to be consul at Yarmouth, N. S.; L. T. Mays, New Orleans, to be consul at St. Stephen, N. B.; John A. Gorse, New York, Miss., to be consul at Rostov, Sank.

John K. Davis, Ohio, to be consul at Antung, China.

Stereotypers Pick Cleveland for 1917

Visiting Delegates Will Hold Banquet Tonight and Adjourn On Saturday.

Delegates to International Stereotypers' convention now in session at the Raleigh today disposed of a quantity of routine business and chose Cleveland as the place where it will meet in 1917, as against Cincinnati, whose supporters put up a vigorous fight.

The visiting electors and stereotypers will hold their annual banquet tonight at the Raleigh. The convention will adjourn Saturday.

Why Suffer From Sore Feet?

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Thousands of people who daily suffer intense torture from sore feet will welcome the information that a quick, easy, positive remedy is now obtainable. Calcidine compound in warm foot bath; soak the feet in this, gently rubbing sore parts. Relief is instant for tired, aching, burning, and sweaty feet. Corns and calluses can be peeled right off. Calcidine penetrates and removes the cause. Get a twenty-five-cent package of Calcidine from any drug store. Don't be persuaded to take something else instead, for there is nothing even similar. Get the genuine Calcidine guaranteed by Medicine Formula Laboratories, Dayton, O.—Adv.

U. S. MAY USE FORCE TO SAVE AMERICANS

Admiral Howard Ordered to Send Third Cruiser to Guaymas With 600 Men.

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asylum on the American warships and brought back to the United States.

Conditions at Mazatlan, on the west coast, where there are said to be many foreigners, were reported today by Howard as being precarious.

The State Department, it was learned today, is giving serious attention to reports from Rear Admiral Caperton at Vera Cruz to the effect that as fast as Red Cross supplies are landed there for use in the interior localities to relieve famine conditions, the Carranza authorities are exporting similar supplies back to the United States at large profit.

J. C. Weller, of the Red Cross, left Piedras Negras yesterday for Monterrey with a carload of corn and beans. Before leaving he conferred with General Duval, the Red Cross manager on the border, and while at Monterrey will make an exhaustive investigation of conditions. Vice Consul Blocker, at Piedras Negras, reported to the State Department today that the Mexican authorities there seem anxious to assist in the relief work.

In the meantime the State Department, through Consul Stillman, at Vera Cruz, continues, it is stated, to bring pressure to bear on Carranza to accept Villa's suggestion of peace conference. In view of Carranza's apparent intention to ignore the suggestion, it is thought likely that the Administration here will shortly issue another statement demanding that peace be restored within a fixed period.

May Have to Land.

That American forces may have to be landed shortly at Vera Cruz to protect American Red Cross supplies sent there by United States transport for the relief of famine conditions in Mexico City and elsewhere was indicated yesterday.

Dispatches from Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the American warships at that port, were to the effect that as fast as the supplies are landed at Vera Cruz and started inland they are being seized by the Carranza forces and exported back to the United States for profit.

Admiral Caperton is reported to have informed the department that \$1,000 pounds of corn and beans landed at Vera Cruz were shipped out of the port on a Ward line steamship bound for Havana and New York.

"Jockeying" Carranza and Villa in a race for United States recognition is being observed carefully by officials. Press agents of both factions are busily spreading propaganda here, paying for large display newspaper advertisements, and having well organized juntas at work.

Carranzistas are endeavoring to convince the President that they control practically all of Mexico, and that military operations insure early and complete victory.

Reports Not Sustained.

These reports are not altogether sustained by reports of battles at Monterrey, Saltillo, and Leon. Saltillo is reported to have been captured by the Villistas. Another report was that the Villistas had routed the enemy from Monterrey.

General Gonzalez, chief of the southern Carranzista army, is reported to be bringing up re-enforcements for a campaign to take Mexico City. Zarraga is not expected to make serious opposition, as his army is engaged with Villa and in operations in the Tehuantepec district.

The Villista junta asserted today that three peace offers had been ignored by Carranza. One of these was said to have been made through the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, who is acting for the United States, by Conventionalist President Chazare, proposing a thirty-day armistice for a peace conference.

Reports on Famine.

The American Red Cross today made public reports from agents in Nuevo Laredo and San Luis Potosi, Mexico, showing famine conditions.

"Practically no crop has been planted in this district this year," the report from the agent at Nuevo Laredo, says. "The farmers have been robbed of their horses, mules and cattle, with which they have been tending their crops, and they are aware that in case they raised a crop it would be taken by the first band of cavalry" which came along to feed their horses and men.

"The only source of supply of food for the starving population in this State," people are afraid to apply to the military authorities for assistance because the men generally are put in the army and the women are made camp followers."

Kills Himself After Grieving Eleven Years

NEW YORK, June 17.—Eleven years ago Greenwich village mourned with George Feldhausen. His wife and all his children had perished when the steamer Gen. Slocum was burned. Today the story of his grief is being told in his place of business. He had committed suicide by means of blowing gas on the anniversary of the death of those he cared most for.

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Urge Joint Neutral Action to Stop War

Business Men Propose Conference for Policing High Seas to Heads of Nations.

An international conference of all nations now at war is urged in a communication made public today, which has been sent to the heads of the neutral nations by prominent business men of the United States.

The plan proposed is that this conference shall formulate suggestions for the policing of the high seas looking toward the end of the present war and the prevention of wars in the future.

The memorial asserts that the signers represent citizens of all shades of opinion. It is urged that the international conference be called next month.

Signers of the peace call include Charles L. Bernheimer, William Fellows Morgan and Marcus A. Marks, of New York City; B. W. Woodward, of Washington, D. C.; Herbert Myrick, Springfield, Mass.; William J. Schieffelin, W. D. Dickey, P. P. Meyer, Park E. Bell, William H. Gibson, former Congressman Metz, Anton A. Raven, F. W. Wals and Carroll Livingston Riker, all of New York.

S. A. R. TO WELCOME NEW D. C. CITIZENS

Patriotic Exercises To Be Held At Monument on Monday, July 5.

Patriotic exercises will be held in connection with the Independence Day ceremonies, at the foot of the Washington Monument, on Monday, July 5, under the direction of the District Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Through the Bureau of Naturalization, the patriotic society purposes on this occasion to extend to all recently naturalized citizens a special welcome and an invigorated citizens residing in the District to attend the ceremonies.

The music upon the occasion will be furnished by the Marine Band. The Rev. George H. McGraw, chaplain of the District body, will deliver the invocation.

The principal address, including a welcome to the new American citizens, will be made by Henry B. F. Macfarland. The declaration of Independence will be read by Hampson Gary, of the State Department.

Arthur C. Moore, president of the Washington Council, Boy Scouts of America, has been invited to detail a detachment of Boy Scouts, to assist in the distribution of programs and to arrange for the comfort of the general public.

The joint committee consists of Commander John H. Moore, U. S. N., retired, chairman; Col. George Richards, U. S. M. C., secretary; William W. Cox, Frederick D. Owen, Edward W. Donah, Jr., and Benjamin Edm. Miller.

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HINTS ON WHERE TO PASS YOUR VACATION

"Look Before You Leap," Is Advice Given Out By Health Department.

"Look before you leap." This is the advice offered by the Health Department in its weekly bulletin today to persons about to enter upon their summer vacation.

"Assuming," says the department, "that you have not selected the place for your summer vacation, the following suggestions may not go amiss."

"Ordinarily," the questions asked when one is seeking a place to spend the summer or to send the family for the summer, includes the character of the food and sleeping quarters, the temperature and the accessibility to the city. But the all important question "What is and has been the healthfulness of the proposed summer home?" is frequently omitted.

"Is the water used for drinking purposes good? Perhaps it is and again it may be contaminated with matter that may lead to typhoid fever. Typhoid fever is a disease that summer tourists frequently contract."

"Is the summer home located in a malarial region? If so, keroneke the swampy ground and screen the house. See, too, that the outhouses are properly constructed and screened."

"What methods are in vogue for the proper disposition of the garbage and waste from the kitchen?"

"What kind of cows furnish the milk, the cream, and the butter? Have they been tuberculin tested? Are they clean and cared for properly?"

"In brief, are the comforts of the place you have selected for your vacation as ideal or as nearly ideal as are the comforts of your home? If you are unable to make a personal inspection or to obtain the advice of persons who have spent a vacation period at the place where you propose to spend the summer, or if you have any doubt in your mind whatsoever, consult or write to the health officer of the locality under consideration."

Tax Collections of Year Break Record

Increase Over Last Year Amounts to \$638,401.47, According to Prince's Report.

Tax collections for the year 1915 exceeded all previous records, according to a report submitted to the Commissioners by Ben L. Prince, collector of taxes, today. The total levy for the year 1915 amounted to \$7,127,810.04. There was collected against this levy up to May 19 \$5,766,995. The total tax levy for 1914 amounted to \$6,466,354.03, and the amount collected up to May 29 of last year was \$5,128,587.53. The increase in this year's collections over those of last year amounted to \$638,401.47.

Taxes on both real and personal property are due in May, a penalty of 1 per cent a month accruing after June 1. Real property on which taxes are unpaid by March, 1916, will be advertised as delinquent and offered for sale at the annual tax sale. Delinquent may be made of personal property on which taxes are due any time after June 1. Orders have been given the bailiffs in the office of the collector to begin next week the collection of personal tax bills with the penalty.

GIANT AIR CRAFT TO BE GIVEN TRIAL

ALEXANDRIA, June 17.—Finishing touches are being made today on the biggest hydro-aeroplane ever constructed in the United States, and late this afternoon the trial trip of the machine, which is expected to revolutionize the construction of heavier-than-air machines, will be made.

The machine has been under construction in the buildings occupying the site of the old Pioneer mills, at the foot of Duke street, for more than a year. Secrecy has been maintained as to the progress of the experimental work. Within the last few days a number of visitors, supposed to be representatives of foreign governments, have been permitted to see the machine.

ORPHANS ENJOY DAY AT GLEN ECHO PARK

Hundreds of Little Ones From City's Asylums Are Given Happy Outing By Elks.

Hundreds of Washington orphans, drawn from the asylums of the city, are reveling at Glen Echo Park today as the guests of the Washington Lodge of Elks. The happy youngsters journeyed to the attractive amusement resort in special cars early this morning and the park was fairly overrun with boys and girls whose faces reflected the joy of the day's outing.

Practically every orphanage in Washington and Alexandria is represented at Glen Echo. All of the park amusement places which appeal especially to children were at the disposal of the little folks and were crowded all day. Luncheon was served at noon and before the orphans leave the park late today the Elks will spread dinner, rounding out a memorable day in the young lives of the park visitors.

The children will be given toys and souvenirs, and nothing is being left undone by the Elks and the park management to make the outing one of continuous pleasure.

Anglo-French Forces Suffer Heavily, Says Turkish War Office

CONSTANTINOPLE (via Berlin wireless), June 17.—Anglo-French troops at the Dardanelles suffered heavy losses in a bombardment of transports by Turkish batteries on Tuesday, an official statement from the war office said today.

"Our artillery has been very effective against the enemy at Ari Burnu," said the official statement. "Our aviators have bombed British airships near Sedd-ul-Bahr."

ATHENS, June 17.—"After six days of continuous bombardment, the sea of the allied warships at the Dardanelles slackened somewhat Wednesday," said a Mitylene dispatch today.

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Hints of the bargains to be found tomorrow on the Basement Floor tables. For home needs see below.

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\$5.98 Hardwood Refrigerators, galvanized iron lined, wire shelves and removable drain pipe. \$4.66

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\$15.00 "Ranney" Refrigerators, 30 in. ash wood, enamel lined, 2 adjustable shelves; removable ice tank; ice capacity 80 \$16.50

\$22.50 "Lapland Monitor" Refrigerators, solid ash, enamel lined, 3 adjustable wire shelves, removable drain pipe; ice capacity 100 pounds... \$17.50

\$24.88 Nursery Refrigerator and Water Cooler combined, galvanized iron, mineral wool packed \$19.98

\$4.48 Hardwood Ice Chests, galvanized iron lined, with two shelves, family size... \$3.25

69c Acme Ice Cream Metal Freezer; 2-quart size... 57c

35c 40c Galvanized Iron Watering Can, 6-qt. size.

19c 25c 7-in. Ham Boller, with cover, popular size.

39c 40c Heavy Galvanized Iron Garbage Can, with tight fitting cover, family size.

69c 25c For Mrs. Potts' Soap Irons. 6 cakes Babbitt's Soap and 1 can of Babbitt's Cleaner